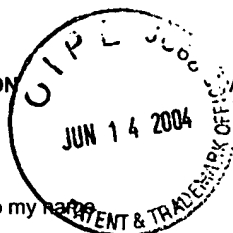


DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
CLAIMING BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

Atty. Docket No. CCF-6332NP



As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPARATUS FOR INSERTION INTO A BODY LUMEN**, the specification of which:

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(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any provisional application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Provisional Application(s):

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Priority Claimed  
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I hereby claim the benefit under United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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